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APPARATUS FOR POLISHING A

MAIL STOP: AF

**SUBSTRATE** 

## **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 1, 2005, the period for response to which having been extended by one month to March 1, 2006, kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975